

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] Figure 2 shows a flow diagram of a second portion of the steps of the preferred embodiment; and

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] Figure 3 is a block diagram showing the interaction of various files, programs, and systems of the preferred embodiment[[.]]; and

Please add the following new paragraph between paragraph [0014] and paragraph [0015], (above the section heading “NOTATION AND NOMENCLATURE”):

[0014.1] Figure 4 shows a flow diagram of embodiments of the invention.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Referring now to Figure 3, there is shown, in block diagram form, interaction of various files, programs and systems of the preferred embodiment. With regard to the transfer of the scanner files from the hand held scanner to the web server as indicated in block 18 of Figure 1, Figure 3 shows that the scanner file 40 is preferably transferred by means of an FTP program, as indicated by arrow 42, to a particular file location on a web server. Although the preferred method is an FTP transfer, ~~new understanding the function performed one of ordinary skill in the art could easily devise many equivalent other methods~~ ways to transfer the information from the hand held scanner to the web server. ~~This could include, but is not limited to, may be used, e.g., having a hand held scanner capable of broadcasting that information using electromagnetic waves, or the information could be copied to a disk or other semi-permanent storage device~~

and then manually moved between the hand held scanner and the directory in the web-based served. Further, there may be intermediate steps between the scanner file located on the hand held scanner and the web-based server, including transferring that information to other computers, such as a laptops or desktop device, which in turn transfer the information to the desired location on the web-based server.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] More particularly, the seat code append program 62, preferably a visual basic program, appends to each seat or location code in the main asset database 50 ~~some~~an identifying indicia. In the preferred embodiment, preferably a code "WH" is appended to the end of each seat code. As assets are identified in the reconciliation process, the found assets are written to the main asset database 50 associated with new locations, locations without the identifying indicia. If all assets associated with a location having the "WH" are transferred to new locations, the location with the identifying indicia is completely removed. Once the overall physical inventory and reconciliation process is complete, the user need only scan the main asset database for any remaining at seats with the identifying indicia, the "WH" appended to their asset code. Simply put, these remaining at seats still having the identifying indicia were not found in the physical inventory, and may require additional work.

Please add the following new paragraph between paragraph [0034] and paragraph [0035]:

[0034.1] Referring now to Figure 4, the process is described again briefly, tying together the use of the identifying indicia. In particular, the process may start (step 80) and proceed to placing identifying indicia on each location or seat code in the asset management database (step 82). A physical inventory may be taken using a portable bar code scanning device that saves physical inventory data in a data file (step 84). At various times throughout the physical inventory, the data

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file may be transferred to a web server (step 86). Data in the data file may be transformed into an intermediate database (step 88), and records in the intermediate database may be reconciled against corresponding records in the asset management database (step 90). For the assets found, records may be written to the asset management database without the identifying indicia (step 92). Thus, identifying assets not found during the physical inventory may be accomplished by identifying seat codes in the asset management database that still have the identifying indicia.